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In re Patent Application of:  
Hiroshi Ishii et al.

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE, IMAGE  
PROCESSING METHOD AND IMAGE  
FORMING APPARATUS

Examiner: Mark R. Milia

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated December 2, 2005, finally rejecting claims 1-9, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.